

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 16, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 581, HJ 32  
Executive Action: HB 546, HB 318, HB 531, HB 175  
HB 176, HB 332, HB 556, HB 567  
HB 441

**HEARING ON HB 581**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:21 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 581, Revise stopping requirements for cyclists.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:22 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chief of Police (MACOP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:12 Rep. Kottel  
00:06:42 Rep. Hamilton  
00:08:08 Rep. Hilbert  
00:09:17 Rep. Furey  
00:10:16 Rep. Hamilton  
00:11:12 Rep. Hilbert  
00:12:33 Rep. Hamilton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:41 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HJ 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:38 Rep. McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HJ 32, Urge increased funding for public transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:01 Steve Earle, Missoula Urban Transportation District (MUTD)  
00:22:52 Andy Sponseller, MUTD  
00:27:28 Michael Peirce  
00:29:43 Roger Thompson, AARP  
[EXHIBIT \(trh35a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:32 Rep. McAlpine

**Additional Exhibits**

**[EXHIBIT](#)**(trh35a02)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 546**

00:36:07 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 546 DO PASS.**

00:36:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 546 BE TABLED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 318**

00:37:36 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 318 DO PASS.**

00:38:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 318 BE TABLED.**  
Motion carried by voice vote with Rep. Furey voting no.  
Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175**

00:39:25 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 175 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:39:58 Leanne Hesiel

00:40:24 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 175 BE AMENDED.**  
**[EXHIBIT](#)**(trh35a03)

00:41:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

00:41:43 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 175 BE AMENDED.**  
**[EXHIBIT](#)**(trh35a04)

**Discussion:**

00:42:38 Rep. Furey

00:43:07 Rep. Sonju

00:43:14 Rep. Nooney

00:43:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

00:44:51 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 175 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:45:06 Rep. Arntzen

00:45:30 Director Lynch, Department of Transportation

00:46:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 176**

00:46:54 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 176 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:47:37 Rep. Arntzen

00:47:42 Leanne Heisel

00:48:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 332**

00:48:44 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 332 DO PASS.**

00:49:10 **Motion:** Rep. Hilbert moved that **HB 332 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (trh35a05)

**Discussion:**

00:49:25 Leanne Heisel

00:49:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

00:50:24 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 332 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:51:04 Rep. Nooney

00:51:23 Rep. Arntzen

00:51:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Rep. Sonju voting no. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

(Rep. Wiseman entered the room)

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 531**

00:52:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 531 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilson by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 441**

00:54:38 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 441 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:54:54 Rep. MacLaren

00:55:24 Rep. Furey

00:55:49 Rep. Malcolm

00:56:10 Rep. Kottel

00:58:41 Rep. Nooney

00:58:59 Rep. Arntzen

00:59:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson voting aye. Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

01:00:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 441 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 556**

01:00:59 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 556 DO PASS.**

01:01:16 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 556 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (trh35a06)

**Discussion:**

01:01:59 Leanne Heisel

01:04:09 Rep. Sonju

01:04:13 Rep. MacLaren

01:04:26 Leanne Heisel

01:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

01:04:55 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 556 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:05:07 Rep. Arntzen

01:05:24 Rep. Kottel

01:05:28 Director Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

01:06:00 Rep. Arntzen

01:06:04 Director Lynch, DOT

01:06:29 Rep. Nooney

01:06:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 567**

01:07:27 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 567 DO PASS.**

01:07:59 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 567 DO PASS.**  
**EXHIBIT**(trh35a07)

**Discussion:**

01:08:19 Rep. Sonju

01:09:18 Director Lynch, DOT

01:16:11 Rep. Arntzen

01:16:33 Director Lynch

01:17:00 Rep. Furey

01:17:11 Director Lynch

01:17:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Wilson and Rep. MacLaren voted by proxy.

01:18:18 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 567 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:21:32 Rep. Wiseman

01:22:43 Rep. Hilbert

01:23:40 Rep. Furey

01:24:00 Director Lynch, DOT  
01:25:43 Rep. Nooney  
01:25:55 Rep. Malcolm  
01:26:12 Director Lynch, DOT  
01:27:13 Rep. Arntzen  
01:28:11 Rep. Hilbert  
01:30:02 Rep. Kottel  
01:30:26 Rep. Hilbert  
01:31:22 Rep. Kottel  
01:32:50 Rep. Sonju  
01:33:18 Leanne Heisel  
01:33:45 Rep. Kottel  
01:34:06 Leanne Heisel  
01:34:14 Rep. Sonju  
01:34:38 Leanne Heisel

01:35:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Rep.  
Furey, Rep. Malcolm, and Rep. Wilson voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:36:00 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh35aad.pdf](#))**